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CITY

Project sets transportation plan in motion

By Amanda Voeller and Anna Daugherty

Project Connect has preliminary plans to establish its first installments in two Austin areas — East Riverside and Highland — and program officials heard public opinion Tuesday night for the proposed initial locations for

the project. Project Connect is a program that would involve a regional rail connecting areas north of Austin, such as Georgetown and Hutto, to Austin and cities south of Austin, such as San Antonio. The first phase of the program, which the public input session addressed,

is deciding which part of Austin it will serve first, and the second phase is deciding which type of transit — such as urban rail, bus rapid transit or regional and commuter rail — will be in the area, said Cheyenne Krause, City of Austin spokeswoman. Krause said by November 2014 the program hopes to identify

which type of rapid transportation will be used at the start of the program, what the routes will be and to have a bond measure on the ballot for the public to vote on. Julie Montgomery, executive board member of Austinites for Urban Rail Action and senior program coordinator for the

LBJ School of Public Affairs, said the subcorridor selected will affect which part of the University the transit route runs through. “If we have a more eastern collection of subcorridors, like if we do go from East Riverside up to Highland, there’s a good likelihood that we’ll go up San Jacinto,” Montgomery

said. “Alternatively, some folks want to see it go up to the Lamar subcorridor and have it pass by campus along Guadalupe where there’s already very heavy bus ridership and close to the extremely dense West Campus.” Montgomery said the

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CAMPUS

As trees wither, expenses grow

By Anthony Green @AnthonyGrreen

The palm trees surrounding the Gregory Gym aquatic complex, included as decoration, have cost RecSports more than \$40,000 in the past eight years to maintain and replace. The palm trees were planned as one of the biggest features at the aquatic complex through a student and faculty initiative, though, in the past eight years, RecSports has had to replace four of the 12 total palm trees at the aquatic complex all because of the weather. “Students really voiced their desire at that point to create an environment that was like no other on campus,” Jennifer Speer, associate communications director for RecSports, said. “They wanted it to be, they used the term, ‘an oasis in the middle of an urban campus.’” Although palm trees are not native to Central Texas, Maggie Ambrosino, arborist and owner of Austin-based Brown and Green Tree Care & Consulting Co., said they survive fairly well because of their minimal watering needs and low up-keep, but drastic changes in weather affect palm trees more so than other campus trees. “We’ve lost one to lightning, and three we lost to a very bad freeze we had about three years ago,” Speer said. “We had a major ice storm, and the trees hadn’t fully rooted at that point and so we did lose those three.” Ambrosino said the vascular system and center frond, or “heart,” of palm trees — which carry all the water and nutrients — are vital to the plant’s survival in instances of overwatering or freezing temperatures. “If a tree gets a wound, it has the ability to compartmentalize that wound and produce wound tissue, and once again, you will be able to have movement through that vascular system,” Ambrosino said. “So for palm trees ... what’s important to them is the interior. Once you lost that to heart rot, which is what you see most palms dying from, their lifeline really is on the interior of the plant and not the exterior like it is in a tree, and so once you lost that center frond, it rots, the whole thing is done.”

Replacement trees generally cost RecSports roughly \$10,000 each. RecSports also rents a crane for the seven- to eight-hour installation process at \$400 an hour, according to Speer. RecSports operates under an annual budget of \$8.8 million, with \$2.2 million in salaries for the 1,000 students employed each year. Speer said the crane is necessary for installing new trees within the complex, which is surrounded by Waller Creek and other campus buildings. “When we’ve had to replace trees, we’ve had to rent a crane to lift the trees up and over buildings,” Speer said. “We’ve learned through a lot of cost analysis that this is the most efficient way to do it, which means it’s also the least expensive because it cuts down the labor costs.” Speer said for the last century, RecSports has partnered with students on everything, including a committee involving both students and faculty that planned the aesthetic features of the space. “We had looked at putting metal light poles out there as an alternative, and when we did that cost analysis, it was determined that to install the light poles was very similar to what it would cost to install a tree and the light poles would have same issues in terms of annual maintenance,” Speer said. The continued maintenance of the complex’s landscape comes from a partnership with RecSports and landscaping contractor Valley Crest, which began in 2006. “We have a contract that we generally service the property once or twice a week ... doing any maintenance that needs to be done as far as details of the property and landscape, pruning and general cleanup,” said Eric Light, manager of the Austin branch of ValleyCrest. “Basically, what we do is cut back any dead fronds at the base and also remove any fruit from them as well.”

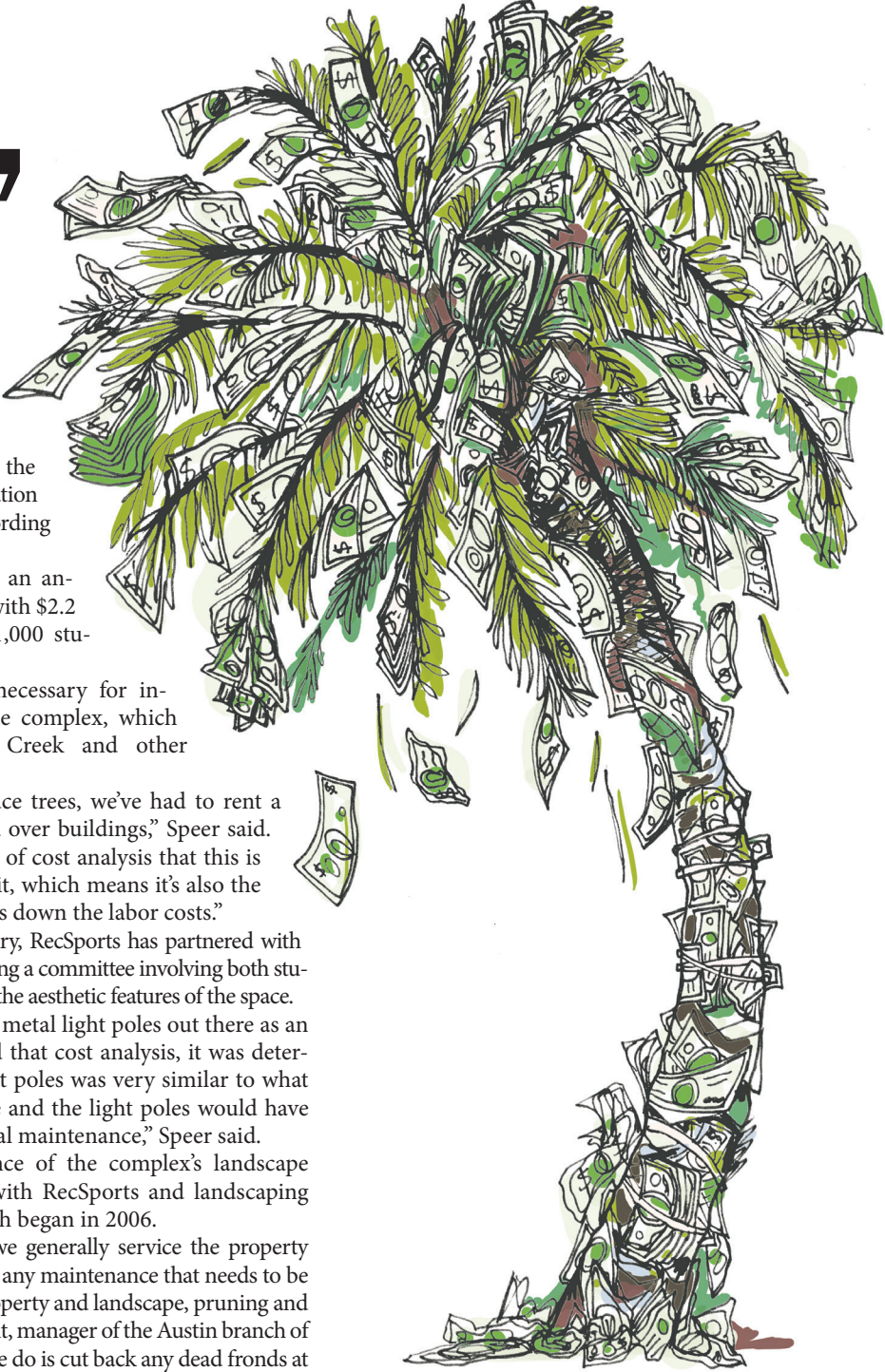


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THANKSGIVING

Expectations still high for holiday game

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This Thanksgiving Day’s game against Texas Tech marks the second year UT will not be playing longtime rival Texas A&M, but the stadium crowd is still expected to be one of the largest of the season, according to Mark Harrison, assistant athletics director for ticket operations. Since Texas A&M left the Big 12 for the Southeastern Conference, UT plans to rotate different Big 12 opponents every Thanksgiving at Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium. In last year’s game



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Football on Thanksgiving has been a Longhorn tradition for more than 100 years. Last year, Texas played host to TCU, and this year Texas Tech comes to town for a Turkey Day showdown.

FOOTBALL

Football a Turkey Day tradition for Texas fans

By Drew Lieberman @DrewLieberman

It’s Thanksgiving day, 1895. Macy’s is still nearly 30 years from starting its now-famous Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York. Texas athletics is more than a decade away from officially becoming the Longhorns. On Thanksgiving day in 1895, Texas Varsity played its first Thanksgiving contest on the gridiron in a 38-0 win over San Antonio. Texas would play on Thanksgiving the next three years with a combined margin of victory of 68-4. Following the turn of the century, Texas took on Texas A&M on Thanksgiving in

1901 with Varsity winning 32-0. The next year, A&M emerged victorious, beating Texas 12-0. The two programs played each other on Thanksgiving five times from 1901 to 1909. In 1918, the Longhorns and Aggies began frequently playing each other on Thanksgiving, with Texas going 16-8-3 in 27 Thanksgiving contests over the next 32 years. In 1952, following a few contests not on Thanksgiving, the two programs resumed play with Texas winning 14 out of the next 15 Turkey Day games — including the series’ longest win streak of 10 games, from 1957-1966. A&M

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For once, Thanksgiving Day, Hanukkah happily coincide

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A once-in-a-lifetime occurrence presents itself this year as two holidays — Hanukkah and Thanksgiving — overlap. For the first time in 125 years, Hanukkah coincides with Thanksgiving, which is not scheduled to happen again for thousands of years. “The connection between Thanksgiving and Hanukkah this year is a bit of an accident, based on the ways that Judaism calculates its months,” said Jonathan Schofer, associate professor in the Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies. “At the same time, we can celebrate this connection as reminding us that both the Unites States as a nation and Judaism as a religion have these important, late autumn ways of reminding us to be thankful for our heritage, for times of creation and revitalization in the past and for the peoples who worked hard many years ago to give foundations for our politics and religions.” Schofer said the rare overlap is a result of the differences in the Jewish calendar and the Gregorian calendar, which is the most widely

accepted calendar. The Jewish calendar is a Luni-Solar calendar that is based off the sun and the moon, while the Gregorian calendar is based strictly off the sun and earth’s rotation around it. The story of Hanukkah originates from the Book of Maccabees, which recounts a miracle in which a one-day supply of oil kept the candles in the Jewish temple lit for eight days. This year, the Jewish holiday begins when the first candle in the menorah is lit, which happens to fall on the night before Thanksgiving. The convergence of the two holidays has been coined “Thanksgivukkah.” Daley Epstein, a Plan II honors and business senior, said she is excited the two holidays are coinciding with each other. “Normally, I come home and enjoy Thanksgiving with my family just to turn around and celebrate [Hanukkah] during finals, not really giving it the celebration it deserves,” Epstein said. “The ability to come home for both holidays affords me a much more meaningful [Hanukkah] and allows me to share it with my family and friends.” Aaron Liener, a Plan I

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honors and Hebrew language and literature senior, said his family will combine the two holidays this year by lighting the first candle during the halftime show of the Cowboys game and creating food to celebrate both traditions. “I look forward to trying the new dishes that will make their one and only appearance at our ‘Thanksgivukkah’ dinner,” Liener said. “I’m hoping for sweet potato latkes with cranberry applesauce and sufganiyot (fried donuts) with pumpkin pie filling. My mother, grandmothers, aunts and cousins all enjoy coming [up] with creative new dishes every year, and this year should be better than ever.”

Experts give students advice for a healthy holiday season

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Although the holiday season may present challenges to staying healthy, students can avoid common holiday pitfalls with a few tips and University health resources. Nutritional sciences professor Stephen Hursting said it is easy for students’ metabolisms to be disrupted during the holiday season when they are surrounded by many desserts and other calorie-dense food. “Splurge a little bit here or there, but don’t go too overboard,” Hursting said. “You don’t have to eat every bite — if someone serves you a big piece of cheesecake, don’t feel like you have to eat the whole thing.” Biology sophomore Cynthia Williamson said although she is conscious of her diet, she will need to watch her holiday food consumption. “The biggest issue I have during the holidays is

restricting myself,” Williamson said. “Whenever I go home, I want to eat a lot of good home-cooked food, but I have to limit myself.” Hursting said weight gain is typical during the holidays. He said students should monitor caloric intake when at events or with friends and family. “We’re stimulated by sights and smells, and it can be kind of a trigger for us even when we’re not hungry,” Hursting said. Hursting said students can avoid splurging by drinking water and by increasing physical activity to compensate for increased food consumption. Jane Morgan Bost, UT Counseling and Mental Health Center associate director, said students should be self-aware of the motivations behind their food choices. “Enjoy and really savor [food] instead of just eating to eat kind of [as] a behavior,” Bost said. Bost said there are several

University health resources students can remotely utilize during the holidays, including phone counseling services available 24/7 and Stress Recess, an interactive stress website. “[Stress Recess] has a lot of really great, specific tips for stress and how to handle stress,” Bost said. “There are some great relaxation exercises that they can do.” Bost said the University also provides tip sheets, such as one titled “Home for the Holidays,” which can help students handle challenges that may arise when they are home for the holidays. She said learning how to manage stress before it happens will help students build confidence to handle the inevitable challenges in life. “People think that we need to have this perfectly balanced life that we strive for,” Bost said. “It may not always feel like you’re totally balanced, but it’s more the process of trying to stay true to yourself and the important things [to] you.”



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QUOTES TO NOTE

Quotes to note: Veterans’ challenges, a housing monopoly and SBOE fights

“It’s an intersection of being [non-tradition- all] students, being older and being transfer students. They have the same issues as other transfer students adjusting to this campus, but many also have families and are trying to balance family life with being a full-time student and, sometimes, trying to maintain a job as well.” — Jeff Moe, UT’s veterans af- fairs outreach coordinator and mental health counselor, on the challenges faced by UT student veterans

“I think [American Campus Communi- ties’] overall play is to acquire more assets. Although, I am not sure of any specific prop- erties they are currently targeting in the West Campus market. I think they want to domi- nate the market, if you will. This would allow them to control the prices of real estate.” — Joe Yager, real estate agent for Uptown Realty LLC and founder of Active Property Management & MR+D, on American Campus Communi- ties’ perceived growing monopolization of the West Campus housing market

“We have no immediate plans to ex- pand our footprint in West Campus, but we are focused on delivering the best liv- ing experience to our current residents. We are so thrilled to have a presence in our hometown and be actively engaged in the community.” — Gina Cowart, vice president of marketing and inves- tor relations at American Campus Com- munities, on the company’s plans for the immediate future

“We started daily testing people, and we thought maybe it improves performance, and we found that it does improve performance in students, especially in students with low socio- economic backgrounds. The idea is that if they bring their laptops in, we can give them per- sonalized feedback based on their responses ... to integrate many of those things that work well in an intimate class and try to scale those up for the big classes.” — Psychology professor Samuel Gosling on changes in student perfor- mance in his and fellow psychology professor James Pennebaker’s Synchronous Massive Online Course, or SMOC

“All I know is what’s been reported in the papers. I had no idea that he had weapons or any sort of anything else.” — Andrew Clark, president of the Senate of College Councils, on the case of Gene Vela, a graduate student and member of Senate currently being held in the Travis county jail under charges of aggravated assault against a public servant.

“I believe this process is being hijacked, this book is being held hostage to make political changes ... To ask me — a business degree major from Texas Tech University — to dis- tinguish whether the earth cooled 4 billion years ago or 4.2 billion years ago for purposes of approving a textbook at 10:15 on a Thurs- day night is laughable.” — Texas State Board of Education vice chairman, Thomas Ratliff, on the Board’s decision to review a Person Education biology textbook’s assertions on natural selection and the theory of evolution.



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COLUMN

Don’t let ads kill your sense of self-worth



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If you listen to the radio, watch TV, read billboards or skim magazine covers while waiting to check out at the grocery store, you might have seen or heard com- mercials for Ideal Image, Sona Medspa, Darque Tan or a slew of other businesses encouraging you to “Lose 10 Pounds!” or “Get a sexy bikini body!” On a daily basis, we are inundated with ways that we should make ourselves more desir- able and attractive, and it makes me really angry.

These beauty ideals are not exclusively for women — men often feel pressured to have muscular, “manscaped” bodies. Yet for women, these ideals are not just sugges- tions but expectations. Think back to any and every “National Lampoon” or “Ameri- can Pie” movie you’ve seen, in which the entirety of the premise involves a bunch of guys trying to “get laid.” When discussing possible female candidates, one guy will say, “What about Janice from homeroom? I think she has a crush on you,” to which the other will respond, “Janice with the toe hair?” and the shot will zoom in on some girl’s feet that have little hair-bushes grow- ing out of the toes. As the audience, we get the understanding that Janice is highly un- desirable to the point of being inadequate, and she is deemed so because she didn’t undertake any methods to remove her nat- ural, human body hair.

Because of these types of images, both women and men now expect that women should undergo any number of procedures

to “be ideal” and therefore desirable.

In the case of laser hair removal, women get lasers — that feel like rubber bands slapping against skin — shot at their bod- ies so that they won’t grow hair anymore. This act is literally making women akin to plastic Barbie dolls with their smooth, hairless skin, and it is objectifying. Yet many women feel that this is a better, more economical choice for them because they would otherwise have to shave or wax. In other words, there is no “leave your body how it is” option.

It is perhaps most troubling that these sites for “ideal” body modification are geared mainly toward young women. On Top 40 radio stations, there is a commer- cial for one of these places every 10 min- utes or less. Areas near college campuses are filled with stores and salons for every type of tanning, waxing, lasering and cy- cling imaginable for women who have hopes of achieving near-perfect bodies so that they can be considered attractive. Clearly, this business strategy is working, because the stores stay in business and the commercials stay on the radio.

Is constantly critiquing one’s body and, in the process, losing self-confidence and self-respect not a high price to pay to be considered attractive enough for a so- ciety with cruel and unattainable stan- dards? The answer to this question should be obvious.

On a last, and completely unrelated note, I want to thank the lovely Daily Tex- an staff and writers for making my semes- ter of writing so enjoyable and those who read my columns for taking an interest in what I had to say.

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HORNS DOWN: VOTER ID PREDICTED TO CAUSE MORE PROBLEMS



Yesterday, the Dallas Morning News reported that thousands of voters had to sign affidavits or cast provisional ballots in the Nov. 5 election — the first statewide election held under the state’s new voter identification law — as their name on the voter rolls did not exactly match the name on their photo ID. Though the paperwork took only a few minutes per

person in the Nov. 5 election, officials worry a similar situation will create a backlog in elections which boast a higher turnout — such as the party primaries in March or next November’s general election. Dallas County elections administrator Toni Pip- pins-Poole said, “If it made any kind of a line in an election with 6 percent [voter] turnout, you can definitely imagine with a 58 percent.” The voter ID law in question was enacted by the Legislature in 2011 and took effect earlier this year. Now Demo- crats and civil rights groups are trying to overturn the law, claiming it disproportio- nately affects minorities. According to a September Dallas Morning News analysis, only four of the voter irregularity cases State Attorney General and gubernatorial candidate Greg Abbott has pursued since 2004 could have been prevented by this new photo ID requirement.

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A student waits to vote in the last presidential election.

COLUMN

Cultural inclusivity is hindered by naturally segregated Greek system



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UT-Austin classrooms are filled with students from various cultural and eth- nic backgrounds. When rogue student groups try to throw culturally ignorant events on-campus, such as the Young Conservatives of Texas did last week, the entire UT community steps up to denounce them.

When I first arrived at UT, I was eager to experience some of the other cul- tures around me, and so I, a white male from Michigan, pledged a traditionally South Asian fraternity. Once initiated in the fraternity, I expected to social- ize with new friends of all cultures. But I quickly discovered that UT’s student body consists of two very different Greek systems.

The traditional, non-cultural Greek sys- tem, of which my fraternity is not a part, consists of fraternities from the Interfrat- ernity Council (IFC) and sororities from the Panhellenic Council. These groups include some of the oldest fraternities and sororities on campus and big-name or- ganizations such as Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE), Sigma Phi Epsilon (Sig Ep), Kappa Kappa Gamma and Chi Omega.

The second Greek system includes frater- nities and sororities with explicitly cultural backgrounds and is governed by a separate

system of councils. None of the organiza- tions in either system explicitly ban people from joining based on their race or culture. But for the most part, the populations of these organizations are racially and cultur- ally homogeneous, and their memberships interact mostly with other organizations like themselves.

You rarely see an IFC or Panhellenic organization interacting with a cultural fraternity or sorority. At my fraternity’s semesterly Back2School party, which usually attracts upwards of a thousand students, I was disappointed to see I was one of maybe 10 other white partygoers who had elected to attend my fraternity’s event. After a year in the fraternity, I be- gan to realize I had few white friends on campus. People were starting to call me “basically brown,” not as an insult, but as a way of explaining my tendency for developing friendships with people of other cultures.

What I’m describing here is called de facto segregation. Not the hate-fueled de jure segregation America enforced in the Jim Crow era, but segregation that organi- cally evolves through freedom of associa- tion. While there still is blatant racism on our campus, the most pressing and solvable problem with diversity at UT-Austin is the lack of deliberate integration between the two Greek systems on campus. This divi- sion between Greek systems creates a cam- pus social environment where students interact primarily with people from their own background.

If Longhorns want to pride themselves on being culturally inclusive, then we must learn how to integrate outside the class- room. Indian fraternities need to have mixers with traditionally white sororities. Greek councils need to work hard to in- corporate cultural Greeks into their social events, such as Round Up. University administrators should encourage and facili- tate the integration process. But most im- portantly, any cultural grudges that people may be holding on to need to be forgotten immediately. Driving these changes isn’t easy — we can’t force students of different backgrounds to come together off cam- pus like we can in the classroom. But rec- ognizing the problem is the first step to changing it.

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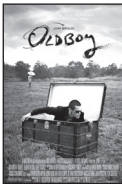
‘Oldboy’ remake mixes action, mystery

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Spike Lee’s re-imagining of the critically acclaimed South Korean film “Old-boy” deserves to be assessed on its own merits. Lee took challenging material and forged it into a brutal but intelligent thriller.

Josh Brolin stars as Joe Doucett, an alcoholic advertising executive who is kidnapped the night of his daughter’s birthday. Without explanation, Doucett is confined to an unusually comfortable prison cell. The only contact he has with the outside world is a TV. After learning of his wife’s murder, Doucett becomes committed to finding his missing daughter, spending his imprisonment harnessing a vicious drinking problem and preparing for his escape. Exactly 20 years later, Doucett is released by his faceless captors and given a challenge — find out who imprisoned him and why, or his daughter dies.

“Oldboy” is a mesh of revenge thriller, martial-arts action and neo-noir mystery. Lee balances these genres successfully and combines them to patiently create a



OLDBOY

Director: Spike Lee
Genre: Thriller
Runtime: 104 minutes

believable world. Instead of skimming through the prison scenes to get to the action, Lee stretches Doucett’s confinement across the first half hour, tracking his mental descent from confusion to anger and desperation and, finally, simple resolve. The slow build to Doucett’s eventual release justifies some of the more sadistic violent acts to follow, but even the action is fairly restrained. The movie never feels like it’s sidelining the story for the sake of another fight scene.

With villainous roles in “Milk” and “True Grit,” Brolin has mastered the art of showing rage beneath a character’s surface, and he channels that into a strong leading performance.

The downside of focusing



Photo courtesy of Hilary Bronwyn Gayle

Josh Brolin stars as an advertising executive held captive for 20 years in Spike Lee’s remake of the South Korean film “Oldboy.”

so much on Brolin’s character is that the rest of the cast feels underdeveloped. Elizabeth Olsen plays a clinic nurse who can see past Doucett’s rage, and she ultimately comes off as a narrative prop, existing to remind the audience that Doucett is, in fact, the protagonist. The script never fleshes out Olsen’s character, and it’s hard to imagine that she would warm so quickly to Brolin’s imposing presence.

Sharlto Copley is likewise defined entirely by his sinister wardrobe and accent. The latter half of the film tries to shed light on the character’s motivations, but the backstory never seems to click with

the horrific actions he commits. Only Samuel L. Jackson manages to stand out in his small role as the prison warden, retaining his vulgar persona throughout a brutal interrogation scene.

Lee’s tale of punishment and revenge melds action and mystery efficiently to create a dark, engaging thriller. The movie doesn’t present Doucett as a likeable person, but it doesn’t forget what he has suffered. Even as he strikes down henchman after henchman with his hammer, Doucett is a broken man, and no amount of bloodshed can fill the emptiness left by his imprisonment.

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and hardly noticeable — to be alone in a dark movie theater. It just means more popcorn and soda for you. Several local theaters are staying open on Thanksgiving Day, including the Violet Crown located on Second Street. The Violet Crown is showing four movies on Thanksgiving, including the already highly acclaimed titles “12 Years a Slave” and “Dallas Buyers Club.” If you need some cheering up after your post-“12 Years” sob fest, The Violet Crown usually has cake balls for sale. You can eat chocolate and share your misery with the employees who have the misfortune of working on a holiday.

4. Earn your dessert in the Turkey Trot

In order to justify participating in number five on this list, run in Austin’s annual Turkey Trot, a five-mile run that takes place on Thanksgiving every year.

Bonus points if you walk to the starting line at Auditorium Shores, or just the bus stop, from your apartment. If you don’t feel like paying the \$30-\$35 registration fee, you can design your own five-mile route around downtown from campus and avoid the crowds at Auditorium Shores. In past years, several Turkey Trot participants have shown up in full turkey costume, so the money and trek south of the lake could be worth it.

5. Eat an entire pie

To truly celebrate one of Western culture’s most glut-tonous holidays, you don’t even have to leave your home, dorm or apartment. Pick up a pie from a local bakery such as Quack’s 43rd Street Bakery. It doesn’t even have to be of the pumpkin variety, but extra Thanksgiving points if it is. Turn on Netflix, the football game or crack open a book, and enjoy that pie all by yourself. No one will even know you ate every single bite and licked the tin.

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almost absurd. Katie Couric, one of the world’s most popular and accomplished news personalities, is leaving her television spot to be featured on a website’s homepage. Tumblr, a site whose revenue up to this point is next to

nothing, was sold for around four times as much as the Washington Post, a prominent figure in American journalism since 1877. While it is unclear what exactly Mayer’s or Bezos’ visions might be for their respective purchases, it will almost certainly mean more media and more advertising revenue.



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David Pogue is leaving his job of 13 years at The New York Times to work with Yahoo! on a new consumer-tech website.

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heterosexual in his urges, he recently embraced his more feminine side. He takes on the Daenerys Targaryen-esque role of Princess Kenny. A maid-in in the fairest sense of

the word, Princess Kenny seems to contradict nearly everything audiences knew about the character. While it is indeed unusual to see the little guy in such an uncharacteristic role, it does

offer a nice change of pace from his normally fierce heterosexual nature.

“South Park” continues to defy and usurp viewer expectations and season 17 has been its boldest run

of episodes so far. While Kenny’s role as Princess may be coming to an end, viewers still have many twisted adventures to look forward to with this little immortal, sex-crazed rebel.

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Sophomore center Cameron Ridley had a career day for Texas, posting 19 points and nine rebounds in the win.



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Associated Press

Texas finishes third at CBE

By Stefan Scrafield
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Just 24 hours after losing its first game of the season, Texas recorded its first road victory of the year in an impressive bounce-back performance against DePaul, winning 77-59. After dropping their CBE semi-final matchup to BYU in Kansas City on Monday night,

the Longhorns (5-1) blew out the Blue Demons (3-3) at the Sprint Center last night, earning themselves a third-place finish in the annual early-season tournament. Texas was led by sophomore big man Cameron Ridley, who recorded his second career-high performance in two nights. After swatting a career-best six blocks in

Monday's game against the Cougars, Ridley set a career mark for points (19) Tuesday night, converting six of his eight field goal attempts. The former McDonald's All-American appears to be finding his stride in his second year at the collegiate level, running the floor well and displaying an improved post presence. Ridley's supporting cast

was also impressive on the offensive end. Four other Longhorns scored in double figures, making it the second time this season Texas has had at least five players accomplish that feat. As a team, Texas shot the ball well, hitting 50 percent from the field while shooting a season high 82.1 percent from the free-throw line.

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countered with seven straight Thanksgiving Day victories starting in 1985 and 10 of 11 overall from 1984-1994, before the series was moved to the day after Thanksgiving because of both schools moving into the Big 12. It wasn't until 2008 that the Longhorns and Aggies moved back to Thanksgiving play, after which Texas took three of

four before the Aggies left the Big 12 in favor of the SEC. In the Longhorns' three victories over this span, quarterbacks Colt and Case McCoy took care of the football with the Longhorns only throwing one interception on a trick pass by a wide receiver. In these three contests, the Longhorns scored eight times through the ground to A&M's lone rushing touchdown. In Thanksgiving victories under Mack Brown, the defense allows more points

per game in victories (24) than in defeats (22.00). Stopping the run has been crucial for success on Thanksgiving for Texas, which allowed 227.5 rushing yards per loss as opposed to 90 yards in wins. The biggest problem in the losses is poor offensive play from the Longhorns, who turn the ball over four times per game in losses — only once per win — leading to scoring only 15 points per game in losses compared to

42 points in victories. The Texas defense seems to have things together when it doesn't have to face an opponent that runs its quarterback often. This week, expect Texas Tech to test the defense by running with quarterback Baker Mayfield. Texas should be able to win the game against the reeling Red Raiders. But if they can't stop Mayfield on the ground, the result will be similar to Thanksgiving last season.

PREVIEWS

VOLLEYBALL / EVAN BERKOWITZ

Looking to keep their perfect conference record alive, the top-ranked Longhorns travel to Ames, Iowa, to take on No. 25 Iowa State (18-7, 11-3 Big 12) Wednesday at 6:30. Last year, Texas' visit to Iowa ended in a 2-3 loss, their only defeat of the conference season. But, looking to redeem the loss from last year, Texas (21-2, 14-0 Big 12) is playing some of its best volleyball of the season. Junior All-American outside Haley Eckerman was named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week and freshman opposite hitter Chiaka Ogbogu was named Rookie of the Week as the Longhorns ran their win streak to 17. Eckerman recorded a league high 6.17 kills per set while hitting .484, second in the league. Her biggest game was last Wednesday against West Virginia, where



Chiaka Ogbogu
Freshman outside hitter

she matched her career-high with 27 kills, the most for any Big 12 player this year. Ogbogu kept up her league-high .417 hitting percentage last week, swinging .450. She also performed well at the net with 12 blocks, leading all Big 12 players in blocks per set. The Longhorns have their final two games this week as they look to finish perfect in the Big 12, a feat only ever accomplished by Nebraska.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL / RACHEL WENZLAFF

The Longhorns are headed to the Virgin Islands to play in the Paradise Jam Tournament on Thursday. But the vacation atmosphere will not be reflected on the court. Syracuse — a team not ranked in the top 25, but receiving votes — is Texas' first opponent. Last week, the Longhorns almost pulled off a major upset over Stanford, but surrendered their lead late in the second half as the Cardinal made an extended run to down Texas 63-54. "It's extremely frustrating," junior forward Nneka Enemkpali said. "We had an opportunity to win, but we didn't do what we needed to in order to help our team win." In defeat, Texas learned a valuable lesson — they must play 40 minutes with



Chassidy Fussell
Guard

maximum energy. The Longhorns must focus their attention on Syracuse's Brittney Sykes, an explosive guard and the Orange's leading scorer. Look to senior Chassidy Fussell to have a big game. Fussell was named to the Naismith Trophy Watch List on Monday. The list serves as a precursor for the player of the year award.

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ACROSS

1 Keystone place

5 Some vacation spots

10 Uttered, as a farewell

14 Carnaby Street's locale

15 Brown, in a way

16 Gershwin's "Summertime" is one

17 Tornado monitors?

20 AOL or MSN

21 Like Mao's "little" book

22 Tito, the King of Latin Music

23 Deg. from M.I.T. Sloan

25 Note in a poker pot

28 Cafeteria stack

29 What the only detective on a case has?

33 "It ___ over till ..."

34 Improve, as one's manners

35 Prefix with classical

38 What a bouncer may confiscate

40 Makes tough

42 Medevac destinations, briefly

43 New British royal of 2013

47 Smelling salts holder

48 What a remorseful lagoon might have said?

50 Send as payment

53 Classic car whose name is a monogram

54 ___ Antiqua

55 Draw out

57 Get into

59 Wash, neighbor

62 Doubleheader... or what 17-, 29-, and 48-Across are?

66 To be, to Béatrice

67 Make blond, maybe

68 Primordial ___

69 Spanish province or its capital

70 Fraternity letter

71 Band with the 1987 hit "Need You Tonight"

DOWN

1 Sparkling Italian export

2 Tolls on a trirème

3 High-pitched group with a 1958 #1 hit, with "the"

4 Yuletide interjections

5 "Point taken"

6 Rush-hour subway rider, metaphorically

7 Director Jean-___ Godard

8 Ordinal suffix

9 Flow slowly

10 Business with an enticing aroma

11 Fight site

12 Like some looks and laundry

13 Slacks off

18 Disneyland vehicle

19 Often-breaded piece of meat

24 ___ noire

26 Shot-to-the-solar-plexus sound

27 Reuters alternative

29 It may have outdoor seating

30 "That is so not true!"

31 Happy Meal with a Sprite, e.g.

32 Beginning

35 "Lost in Yonkers" playwright

36 Airline that doesn't fly on the Sabbath

37 Kon-Tiki Museum city

39 Outfielder's cry

41 In perpetuum

44 Legendary Boston Garden skater

45 Part of a Reuben

46 Half a police interrogation team, maybe

48 Make queasy

49 Pend

50 Revolting sort

51 Make up?

52 Prefix with brewery

56 Clock sound

58 Gumbo need

60 Pierre's pair

61 Deadly snakes

63 Deadly snake

64 Peak next to a glacier, maybe

65 "Just ___ suspected"

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THANKSGIVING

City offers options to celebrate

By Hannah Smothers & Sarah-Grace Sweeney

Whether you are from the City of the Violet Crown or you've decided to stick around for Thanksgiving, there's plenty of fun to be had and mounds of food to be eaten. If staying in Austin means spending the traditionally family-oriented holiday alone, The Daily Texan has compiled a few options to keep your Thanksgiving spirit alive. For the most part, we encourage you to eat more than normal no matter who is sharing your table.

1. Give back with Operation Turkey

Operation Turkey began in Austin in 2000 when founder Richard Bagdonas delivered one meal to a man on Sixth Street. The project has grown to feed over 5,000 in the Austin city limits in 2012 alone and has expanded to include Dallas and San Marcos. Volunteers can help by cooking food, sorting through

donations, packaging the food and delivering meals and donations to those in need. Interested parties can sign up easily on Operation Turkey's website.

2. Don't miss out on Thanksgiving dinner

Several restaurants remain open Thursday. If you feel like treating yourself, fork over \$68 for a Feast of Flavors brunch or \$85 for a five-course dinner at The Driskill Hotel. If you aren't currently holding handfuls of extra cash, Kerbey Lane serves a traditional Thanksgiving meal for \$14.95 right on The Drag. Closer to Riverside, Threadgill's is open and offering their famous Southern comfort food. For North Campus residents, Hyde Park Bar & Grill has both a meat-eater and vegetarian option for \$16.95 and \$12.95, respectively.

3. Get out of the house to see a movie

It is perfectly acceptable —



Eliza Ulack, 4, looks at sweets at Quack's 43rd Street Bakery on Tuesday evening. Quack's has a wide selection of baked goods, including pies, cakes, macaroons, decorated cookies, croissants, muffins and breads.

Fabian Fernandez / Daily Texan Staff

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Yahoo! takes on Katie Couric



By Jeremy Hintz
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Yahoo! CEO Marissa Mayer has been hiring and acquiring at a dizzying rate. That trend continued this week when Mayer announced in

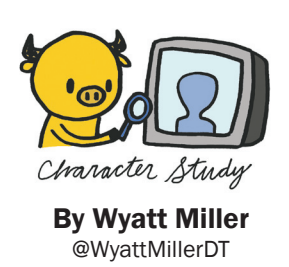
a Tumblr post Monday that Katie Couric would join the company as Global Anchor. Under Mayer, Yahoo! has made several key acquisitions and takeovers. The former "Googirl," a title Mayer earned as Google's first female engineer, has made a point to woo media-based assets Yahoo! hopes will bring more people to its already popular homepage. One of the first of these large acquisitions was the blog site

Tumblr, which was purchased for \$1.1 billion back in May. Mayer has frequently hit the recruiting trail herself in an attempt to bring high-profile talent to the once-giant and now-resurgent Yahoo!. Last month, David Pogue, long-time tech columnist for the New York Times, announced he would be leaving his job at the paper to work with Yahoo! on a new consumer-tech website. Since Google purchased YouTube back in 2006, tech giants have been looking to expand their proprietary media outlets, which can bring in a lot of money in the form of advertising revenue. They have brought in so much ad revenue that online media companies such as Netflix and Amazon are even producing their own content, with the most prominent example being Netflix's popular original series "House of Cards." But Silicon Valley is coming up with plenty of ways to tie itself closer to Hollywood, such as Google's YouTube Awards earlier this year. Media and news are heavily influenced by the growing tech scene. Print media's struggles are no secret, as more and more readers look to online sources for both their news and entertainment, but there are people in the tech community who do not see print as being entirely dead. In September, Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos purchased The Washington Post for \$250 million. The paradigm shift is clear, and the scenarios seem

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TELEVISION REVIEW | 'SOUTH PARK'

Seasons later, character develops



By Wyatt Miller
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The final installment of "South Park's" "Game of Thrones"-esque console wars trilogy ends Wednesday night. While a new red wedding may be on the horizon, let's observe a character who experiences death almost on a daily basis — Kenny McCormick.

Kenny is one of the most iconic characters on "South Park." With his orange parka, muffled voice and alarming sexual expertise, Kenny has remained a staple of Trey Parker and Matt Stone's animated magnum opus since the beginning. One of the most notable gags involving Kenny is that, in earlier seasons, he dies in nearly every episode. The daily deaths continued until season five when Stone and Parker, growing sick of the character, decided to kill him off permanently in an episode appropriately titled "Kenny Dies." But the little Coloradan proved too important to keep away and was inexplicably resurrected again in season six. While the killing tradition has continued



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to a lesser degree in later seasons, Parker and Stone have instead allowed Kenny to actually develop as a character rather than assign him to a one-note gag role. In more recent seasons, Kenny's backstory has been considerably fleshed out and his mysterious immortality is even explained. As a result of his parents' teenage Cthulhu-worshipping ways, Kenny is cursed to be an immortal abomination. Every time he is killed, his mother births a new baby Kenny who then ages rapidly to his 8-year-old form, ready for his next adventure. In this trilogy especially, Kenny shows a deep-seated resentment of this immortality, to the point of being pointlessly suicidal. While "South Park" has never been afraid to delve into darker themes, Kenny's acknowledgement of his condition gives this previously one-note character a complex, psychological edge. Another distinction of Kenny is his precocious sexual knowledge. Whenever the forever-fourth grade boys run into a sexual quandary, Kenny always seems to be the first to clear up the confusion. Though Kenny is explicitly

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